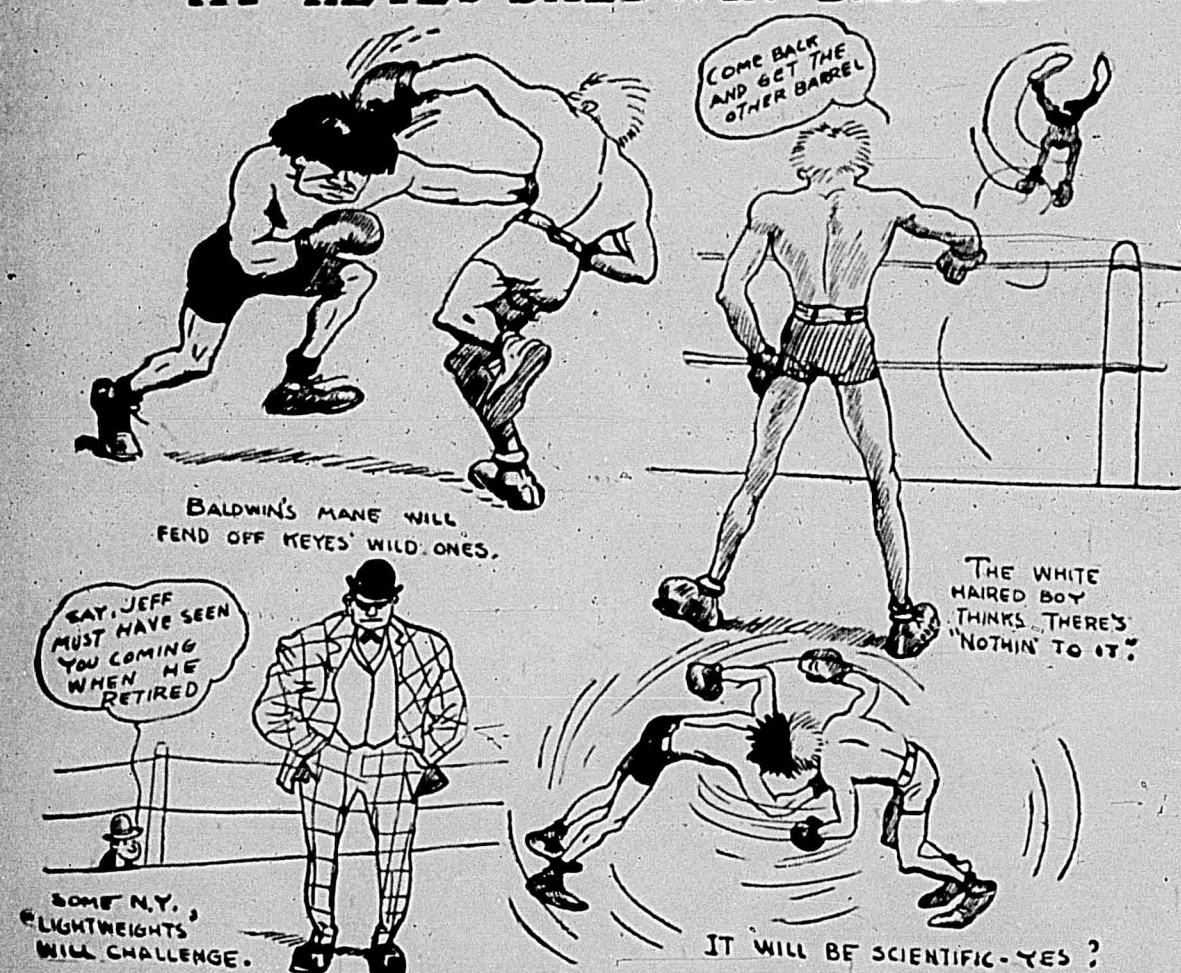


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AT KEYES-BALDWIN BATTLE



KEYES AND BALDWIN FIGHT IT OUT TO-NIGHT

Lightweights Scheduled to Go
Twelve Rounds Before N.
A. C., of Waterbury.

BY JOHN POLLOCK.

WHAT ought to result in one of the greatest battles between lightweights ever witnessed in New England will be the twelve-round bout between Matt Baldwin and Bert Keyes, which is to be decided in the ring of the National A. C. of Waterbury, Conn., to-night. Both men are

GAELIC KICKERS IN
FINAL FOR TITLE.

The final of the American Gaelic football championship will be held at Celtic Park next Sunday between the champions of New York and Pennsylvania, Robert Ryan and Byrne, of the Dublin Young Ireland team, will be with the visitors, formerly famous on the Gaelic fields of Ireland, Scotland and England. The Manhattan boys will play under the captaincy of "Dick" Butler, the Tipperary crack, and he has selected the following from teams of the Irish Country Athletic Union:

Rockett, Barrett, Morris, Hanley, Cooney, Kiely, Hourigan and Moloney, of Tipperary; Tom and Jack Hyland, of Kilkenny; Alcock and O'Connell, of Cork; Buckley, McCarthy and Wrenn, of Kerry; substitutes, Whalen, Kilkenny, Casey, Cork and Scully, Tipperary. The strong sun of yesterday melted all the snow off the Celtic Park playing field, and the American Gaelic Council, under whose auspices the meet will be held, contracted for ten loads of ashes to be spread on the field, so that each goal to do away with the effects of a possible frost to-morrow.

CITY PARK ENTRIES.

CITY PARK RACE TRACK, New Orleans, La., Dec. 6.—The entries for to-morrow's races here are as follows:

FIRST RACE—Seven furlongs, selling.
1st. Noel, 100.
2d. The Hero, 100.
3d. Topsy, 100.
4d. Beau Brummel, 100.
5d. The Hero, 100.
6d. Topsy, 100.
7d. Beau Brummel, 100.
8d. The Hero, 100.
9d. Topsy, 100.
10d. Beau Brummel, 100.

SECOND RACE—Six furlongs, selling.
1st. Noel, 100.
2d. The Hero, 100.
3d. Topsy, 100.
4d. Beau Brummel, 100.
5d. The Hero, 100.
6d. Topsy, 100.
7d. Beau Brummel, 100.
8d. The Hero, 100.
9d. Topsy, 100.
10d. Beau Brummel, 100.

THIRD RACE—Five and a half furlongs, selling.
1st. Noel, 100.
2d. The Hero, 100.
3d. Topsy, 100.
4d. Beau Brummel, 100.
5d. The Hero, 100.
6d. Topsy, 100.
7d. Beau Brummel, 100.
8d. The Hero, 100.
9d. Topsy, 100.
10d. Beau Brummel, 100.

FOURTH RACE—One mile and an eighth.
1st. Noel, 100.
2d. The Hero, 100.
3d. Topsy, 100.
4d. Beau Brummel, 100.
5d. The Hero, 100.
6d. Topsy, 100.
7d. Beau Brummel, 100.
8d. The Hero, 100.
9d. Topsy, 100.
10d. Beau Brummel, 100.

FIFTH RACE—Six furlongs, selling.
1st. Noel, 100.
2d. The Hero, 100.
3d. Topsy, 100.
4d. Beau Brummel, 100.
5d. The Hero, 100.
6d. Topsy, 100.
7d. Beau Brummel, 100.
8d. The Hero, 100.
9d. Topsy, 100.
10d. Beau Brummel, 100.

SIXTH RACE—One mile and a quarter.
1st. Noel, 100.
2d. The Hero, 100.
3d. Topsy, 100.
4d. Beau Brummel, 100.
5d. The Hero, 100.
6d. Topsy, 100.
7d. Beau Brummel, 100.
8d. The Hero, 100.
9d. Topsy, 100.
10d. Beau Brummel, 100.

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ADOREN'S COLUMN
ATHLETES MAKE
A STRONG STAND
AGAINST HALPIN

THE selection of Matt Halpin as manager of the American team that will go to the Olympic Games in England next Spring has caused a commotion among athletes all over the country.

Many of those who won honors in Greece say flatly that they will withdraw their candidacy rather than go under Mr. Halpin's direction again.

MARTIN SHERIDAN, upon being told of the appointment, said: "Then I am out of it. I for one will certainly stay at home if Halpin goes." Sheridan is not alone in this feeling of antagonism toward Halpin. With one exception the entire team that went to Athens sides with Sheridan, irrespective of club ties.

When the Athens team returned, no one had anything to say about the management of the trip. It was generally agreed among the athletes that it was best to avoid public discussion of a disagreeable subject.

But now that discussion is unavoidable. The reappointment of Mr. Halpin as manager of the American team of 1908 has forced the athletes to break their silence.

A member of the party that went to Athens last year I feel compelled to say that the appointment of Mr. Halpin then was a serious mistake, and that to send him to England in charge of the athletes next spring might be actually fatal to our chances of success.

The fault is entirely in Matt Halpin's personality. He is an energetic worker, and he means well. But in all of his personal dealings with the team he showed an absolute lack of tact and of that courtesy that any gentleman has a right to expect from another.

American athletes are gentlemen, and expect to be treated as gentlemen. From the moment the Barbarossa sailed, Halpin showed plainly that he regarded himself as a "boss" and the athletes as his subordinates. He treated them as such, and he treated them as such.

He showed a partisan feeling toward the Barbarossa, and he treated the men from other clubs with contempt. The N. Y. A. C. boys saw this as plainly as any one else, and it didn't please them. They didn't want to be favored above the others.

Before the Barbarossa landed at Naples Manager Halpin had antagonized nearly every man on the team, and before the games began in Athens the feeling against him became so strong that several, notably Archie Hahn (100-meter winner), Lightbody (winner of the 100-meter run) and Lawson Robertson (placed in three events), would walk away to avoid speaking with him.

And the grievances were not all personal. On many occasions the entire team was embarrassed by exhibitions of discourtesy toward the hospitable Greeks who entertained us.

The man who holds the position of manager on the American team that represents this country in foreign lands should be a man who has the confidence and respect of all the athletes on the team. He should be qualified to meet the gentlemen who represent other countries in a way that would reflect credit upon himself.

This next team will be made up largely of the Athens victors. These are all men who are proud of their country and who will not stand for a man who would force him upon them as a manager. They will not stand for a man who would force the cohesion of the team itself.

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ALL READY FOR GRIND



WALTHOUR WILL BE PUT TO A SEVERE TEST

Bobby Walthour wins the six-day bicycle race, which starts at Madison Square Garden to-morrow Sunday, he will be classed among the greatest and most wonderful athletes of modern times. Under ordinary circumstances Walthour's gameness could never be questioned, but in his present condition only the greatest man can stand the strain of the grind the Garden race is bound to be. To-day Walthour is in the best of health. His right shoulder bone is an inch and one-half lower than it ought to be and the ligaments of his back are in a weakened condition.

Walthour is barely recovered from the worst fall of his career five weeks ago in Berlin, Germany. While racing in a field of six bound giant motorists Walthour was pulled and picked up apparently dead.

Walthour has put in a week of so-called training at the Garden over at Woolsey's Hotel, at Twelfth street and Central avenue, Newark. The training conditions are hard and a vigorous Walthour explains it in fact, he says, he doesn't believe in training for such a contest. Five miles a day, a good rub down, good meals at regular hours and eight hours of sleep is all that is needed for a six-day race, says Walthour.

Some Out on Roads.
"Some of the other riders around here are having a hard time over at the Garden. They are knocked out by the time they get to the Garden. I don't know how they can do it. I think he is foolish to do those stunts."

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SHEPPARD BESTS SIEGER

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When the second round started Sieger limped out of his corner and met all of Sheppard's rushes with left and right swings. While the lads were boxing on the ropes Sheppard uppercut Sieger on the jaw with his left, dropping him to the floor. Sieger got up and again fought hard, exchanging blows to the body and jaw with Sheppard on the ropes until the round was over. In the third round Sieger waded into Sheppard and banged him continually about the stomach with both hands and suddenly he found himself right to Lou's jaw, which sent him staggering along the ropes. Sheppard was bad shape when the bell sounded.

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M'GRAW IS AFTER
THREE STAR MEN

BY BOZEMAN BULGER.

THE personnel of the New York Giants for next season will be completed at the annual meeting of the various owners at the Waldorf-Astoria next week. George Dovey, of Boston, and Stanley Robinson, of St. Louis, will be on hand for a conference with Manager McGraw and John T. Brush, and there is likely to be a wholesale switching of players. Aside from agreeing on a schedule for 1908 there will be nothing left for the annual convocation but to turn itself into a clearing-house for players now on the market.

McGraw wants Fred Tenney, of Boston; Fred Beebe and Arthur Hostetter, of St. Louis; and Miller Liggins, of Cincinnati. At least that is the rumor along the circuit.

St. Louis wants Dan McGann, and so does Philadelphia. Boston and Cincinnati want Sammy Strang and George Browne. In case New York should land Hostetter, he would probably be used in the place of Larry Doyle, at second base. It is going to be very interesting to see what McGraw will get out of Boston or Cincinnati, but the field looks fertile in St. Louis.

Owner Dovey may decide to set Fred Tenney adrift, and if he does the Giants will have first call for his services provided they can throw in a good team of two fairly good ones in return. Tenney would be a wonderful help in the event that Merkle, the young phenom, fails to live up to the pace he began last fall. All these things can be done until the magnates are ready to air just now, and meet next week.

George Dovey is rubbing it in to Fred Tenney so hard over at Boston just now it begins to look as if a change were being made to the old first baseman. Dovey has made a public statement in which he places on Tenney the blame for the defeat of the team last season through bad judgment. He charges that Tenney, as a manager, showed himself to be unworthy in the use of his pitchers and in the use of the sacrifice hit. He says that Tenney himself has won twenty games, a double play while first and second bases were occupied with none out, and that he has refused to agree to a trade. That is why he will not allow Tenney to manage the club next season.

In the mean time Dovey is having trouble in getting Joe Kelley's name to a contract to succeed Tenney. Kelley refuses to sign unless his contract covers a period of at least three years. It is going to be very interesting to see what Kelley is asking for what he wants, and if his demands are not granted it is said he will quit the diamond and return to Baltimore, where

he will go into politics with his father, Charles F. Murphy of Baltimore.

An important matter to be discussed at the coming meeting is a suggested change in the scoring laws. Harry Plunk, of New York, has proposed a batter be given credit for the runs he drives in as well as for the hits he makes. In other words, Plunk believes that a batter who hits a long fly and scores a runner from third should not be charged with a time at bat. That sounds very reasonable. It would be a good idea to shift the batter credited with a sacrifice hit, as that would exempt the out from affecting the batting average and at the same time he would get credit for driving the runner in. This rule, by all means, should be adopted.

Charles Keith, the left-handed pitcher of Little Rock, who has been drafted by the St. Louis Americans, is looked upon as the latest of all players in the business. He is a student at Oxford University, England, having won a scholarship in his native state. He recently left for England. He is allowed \$5,000 a year for pursuing his studies and \$100 a month during vacation. The St. Louis Club will pay his transportation and other expenses to the \$100 a month spending money. He will pay him \$400 a month for playing ball. Pretty hard to beat, that.

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